

CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING

Have you ever had a Pap test?

- Ninety-six percent of Montana adult women reported in 1997 and 1998 that they had ever had a Pap test.
- The percentage of women who ever had a Pap test has remained approximately unchanged from 1992 through 1998.
- Women aged 18 to 29 had a lower percentage (91%) than women aged 34 to 44 (99%) or aged 45 to 64 (98%).
- Fewer women with less than a high school education (84%) had ever had a Pap test compared with women at higher levels of education (96%)

Have you had a Pap test in the past three years?

- In 1997 and 1998, the percentages of women who reported they had a Pap test within the past three years were 84% and 80%, respectively.
- The percentages of women having had a Pap test in the past three years have remained relatively constant from 1992 through 1998, for all adult women and for women aged 70 and older.
- Significantly fewer women aged 65 and older (67%) reported having had a Pap test in the preceding three years compared with women in younger age classes (81%).
- Significant differences were evident according to education and income classes. Women with some college or a college degree had higher percentages (87%) than those with a high school education or less (76%). Percentages were higher for women in the higher household income classes (\$35,000 or more) (90%) compared to those women with in household income below \$20,000 (78%).

Healthy People 2000 Objective:

16.12 Increase to 95 percent the proportion of women aged 18 and older who have ever received a Pap test, and to at least 85 percent those who received a Pap test within the preceding 1 to 3 years.

Table 14. Cervical Cancer Screening, Montana Adult Women, 1997 and 1998 (with 95% confidence intervals).

	Ever Had a Pap Test*				Had Pap test in past 3 years*			
	Total No.	No.	%	CI (+/-)	Total No.	No.	%	CI (+/-)
Adult Females:								
1997	778	758	96	(2)	778	649	84	(3)
1998	771	743	96	(2)	767	617	80	(3)
Combined	1549	1501	96	(1)	1545	1266	82	(2)
Age:								
18 - 29	323	303	91	(5)	323	294	87	(6)
30 - 44	542	537	99	(1)	541	460	85	(3)
45 - 64	415	407	98	(1)	415	338	81	(4)
65+	268	253	95	(3)	265	173	67	(6)
Education:								
<High School	105	95	84	(13)	104	65	58	(13)
High School	494	474	96	(2)	493	378	76	(4)
Some College	509	499	98	(1)	507	438	87	(3)
College Degree	441	433	98	(1)	441	385	88	(3)
Income:								
<\$10,000	91	86	94	(6)	90	70	78	(10)
\$10,000 - \$19,999	272	264	97	(2)	272	208	78	(5)
\$20,000 - \$34,999	424	420	99	(1)	424	361	84	(4)
\$35,000 - \$49,999	235	232	99	(1)	235	212	90	(4)
\$50,000+	204	202	99	(1)	204	186	92	(4)
Race:								
White, non-Hispanic	1429	1386	97	(1)	1426	1165	82	(2)
Non-white or Hispanic	117	112	89	(12)	116	100	78	(13)
	* Denominator is all adult women with an intact uterine cervix.				* Denominator is all adult women with an intact uterine cervix.			

When data from 1997 and 1998 were available, 2 years of data were combined for subpopulation estimates.

Figure 15. Percent of Adult Montana Women (with intact cervix) Having Pap Tests, 1992-1998.

